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FOLLOWING REPEAT AMMAN 1818 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
BEIRUT TEL AVIV USUN NEW YORK 18 MARCH.

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S E C R E T AMMAN 1818

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, PLO, UNRWA, XF

SUBJECT: UNRWA AND PLO

REF: STATE 060038

1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, I HAD A FEW MINUTES TO DISCUSS  
THIS WITH PM RIFAI NOON, MARCH 18. RIFAI SAID JORDAN  
HAS NO INFORMATION AT ALL ON PLO PARTICIPATION AT ADCOM.  
HE IS NOT SURE HE WOULD BE INFORMED IF PLO INTENDED  
TO PURSUE ATTENDANCE. HE COULD OFFER NO PARTICULAR  
ADVICE ON HOW U.S. MIGHT AVOID PLO ATTENDANCE AT  
MARCH 21 MEETING. HE ADDED THAT, IF PLO WISHED TO  
ATTEND, JNRDAN COULD NOT REPEAT NOT OPPOSE THAT

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ATTENDANCE IN A FORUM SUCH AS ADCOM.

2. HE WENT ON TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PLO ATTENDANCE AT ADCOM AND PROPOSAL AT JANUARY CAIRO QUADRIPARTITE MEETING REPORTED EARLIER IN WHICH PLO SOUGHT TO REPLACE JORDAN IN DEALING WITH UNRWA. LATTER WOULD MEAN MOST BLATANT KIND OF INTERFERENCE IN JORDANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY PLO AND GIVE THEM A REAL LEG UP IN RESUMING POLITICAL AND OTHER ACTIVITY IN JORDAN. AS FOR ATTENDANCE AT ADCOM, JORDAN'S POSITION OF ACCEPTING RABAT SUMMIT RESOLUTION WOULD MAKE IT OUT OF QUESTION FOR JORDAN TO OPPOSE PLO ON THIS SCORE. RECEIPENTS WILL RECALL THAT JORDAN SUPPORTED RESOLUTION PLO ATTENDANCE AT UNGA AND ALSO RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINIANS SUBSEQUENTLY OFFERED AND PASSED BY THAT BODY.

3. MARCH 17, MY BELGIAN COLLEAGUE FROM BEIRUT BEDUWE TOLD ME THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS IN BEIRUT FRENCH WERE PREPARED TO ABSTAIN ON PLO ATTENDANCE AT ADCOM SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE. SIMILARLY, BELGIAN FELT HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DO THE SAME AOTHOUGH THERE WAS SLIGHT CHANCE HE MIGHT OPPOSE. HE RETURNING TO BEIRUT MARCH 18 TO DETERMINE HIS INSTRUCTIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE ASSUMED THAT U.S. AND UK WOULD BOTH OPPOSE. I ASKED HIM ABOUT JAPANESE POSITION AND HE COULD SHED NO LIGHT ON WHAT THEY MIGHT DO. PICKERING UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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